
FRANK FEATHER: ARTIFACTS TRACE MIGRATION OF ITINERANT CARVER

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An artist leaves a unique documentary trail.

Frank Feather was born on 22 April 1877 in Saltaire, Yorkshire, England.¹ He was the eighth of nine known children born to Joseph and Mary (Shackelton) Feather.² A family of weavers, the Feathers lived in Saltaire until October 1885 when Joseph, Mary, and their seven children immigrated to the United States.³ They joined two sons, William and George, already living in Jamestown, Chautauqua County, New York.⁴ Frank lived with his family in Jamestown until about 1899, but he didn't work with them in the textile trade. He had already begun his life as a carver, and soon, he left his family for a less-settled life in Pennsylvania and Maryland.⁵

Frank appears in only four records created after he left Jamestown, New York.⁶ Typically, a life lived on the margins of society is difficult to document. Frank, though, left a different kind of record—intricately carved artifacts, inscribed with dates and owners' names that tie their creator to specific locations. The carvings, identified in advertisements, newspaper articles, and family recollections, provide evidence of a 50-year migration pattern between Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Washington County and Frederick County, Maryland. Frank apparently repaid those who provided food and shelter by doing odd jobs and sharing products of his skill—beautiful wood carvings, often

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inscribed with religious themes.⁷ He typically stayed on private property in rural areas but was associated with several families who lived in towns and at least one commercial enterprise—a grain and feed business and planing mill that offered a good supply of wood for his carvings.⁸ His stays could last for only a week or two but, at least once, he stayed with a family through an entire winter.⁹

Frank carved only after chores were finished, not wanting to be watched while he worked on his creations.¹⁰ He was described as friendly, except when he was carving—“a nice man . . . a decent bum, not dirty or ragged.”¹¹ He made his own tools and stopped regularly at two blacksmith shops for that purpose.¹² At least two youngsters who remembered Frank from their childhood took up wood carving.¹³

To date, the following artifacts have been linked to their recipients and thus Frank’s locations, shown on the map that follows.

Table 1. List of linked Feather artifacts, keyed to map.

Map #	Date	State	County	Recipient	Artifact
1	1899	Pennsylvania	Franklin	Unknown	Horse Head
2	1900	Maryland	Washington	Judge Miller	Cane
3	1900	Maryland	Frederick	Paul Leatherman	Tools
4	1903	Pennsylvania	Franklin	Samuel H. Gingrich	Cane
5	1908	Pennsylvania	Franklin	Samuel H. Gingrich	Rack
6	1912	Pennsylvania	Franklin	Harry/Harvey Beeler	Cane

Map #	Date	State	County	Recipient	Artifact
7	1912	Maryland	Washington	Amos E. Risser	Cane
8	1914	Maryland	Washington	Amos E. Risser	Wall rack
9	1921	Maryland	Frederick	James E. Moore	Club
10	1922	Maryland	Frederick	H.G. Nusbaum	Carving
11	1925	Maryland	Frederick	Daniel Henry Etzler	Bible rack
12	1925	Maryland	Frederick	Benjamin Saylor [Jr.]	Cane
13	1926	Maryland	Frederick	George L. Etzler	Cane
14	1929	Maryland	Frederick	William "Billie" Lidie	Walking stick
15	1930s	Maryland	Frederick	Graydon Franklin Clem	Canes
16	1931	Pennsylvania	Franklin	John Schaeffer	Comb case
17	1932	Maryland	Washington	Leroy S. Martin	Cane
18	1930s & 40s	Pennsylvania	Franklin	Thomas Zullinger	Cane
19	1937	Pennsylvania	Franklin	Paul Meyers	Cane
20	1939	Pennsylvania	Franklin	H.W. McLaughlin	Cane
21	1940–50	Maryland	Washington	Mary Kathryn (Reynolds) Henry	Spoon
22	1940–50	Pennsylvania	Franklin	Glen Cook Stine	Cane

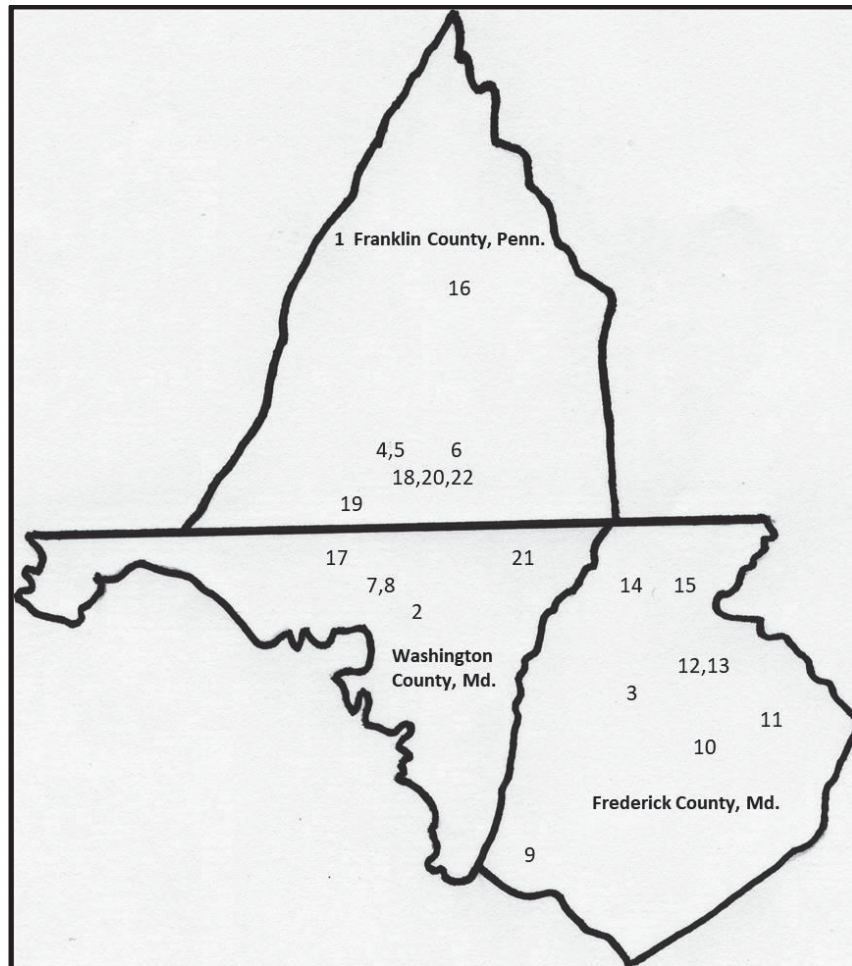


Figure 1. Map of Franklin (Pa.), Washington (Md.), and Frederick (Md.) Counties; keyed to list of artifacts in Table 1.

Within a short period after arriving in the area, Frank made appearances in all three counties with which he would be long associated. The earliest known artifact places Frank in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. A carved horsehead provides name, date,

place, and Frank's place of origin: "Carved by Frank Feather, Jamestown, NY, Oct. 9, 1899 in Franklin Co., PA."¹⁴ The recipient is unknown but the horsehead marks the beginning of Frank's travels. [1]

Only one year after Frank appeared in Pennsylvania, he carved a cane for a Maryland judge. The cane was inscribed "Honorable Judge Miller, Washington County, dated 1900."¹⁵ Efforts to further identify him were unsuccessful; the county seat of Hagerstown is identified as this location. [2]

The Levi Leatherman family farm was in Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland.¹⁶ Paul Leatherman, aged 13 in 1900, remembered Frank, who stopped regularly at their farm. Frank carved several items for the family and even gave Paul a set of carving tools that he had had made. Paul recalled that Frank spent time at the Little Catocin Creek, carving and camping out.¹⁷ The creek was probably a good place to hone his craft in solitude. [3]

The next two artifacts place Frank back in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. Samuel Gingrich owned and worked a farm in Peters Township from at least 1900 to before 1930.¹⁸ While at the Gingrich farm, Frank carved a cane for Samuel. According to Samuel's son, Raymond, the cane was carved with "the date 1903, his name S.H. Gingrich, and the names of the Presidents from George Washington to Theodore Roosevelt." [4] Frank also carved a rack inscribed, "Professor Feather, 1908, and S.H. Gingrich."¹⁹ [5] He visited the Gingrich home off and on for at least 20 years. Raymond remembers his father asking Frank in 1929, where he had been for the last four or five years.²⁰

In 1910, Frank was enumerated in the Charles Hykes household in Conococheague, Washington County, Maryland.²¹ He is listed as a 33-year-old "B[oarder] Traveling," a "wood carver" working on his own accord. This is the only federal census in which

Frank was enumerated. Hykes, a farmer and Brethren church deacon, lived on the same farm for over 50 years.²² Frank was apparently settled enough to be considered a resident when the enumerator called; it may have been a regular stop for Frank when in Maryland.

Frank was back in Pennsylvania in 1912—in Antrim Township which surrounds the Borough of Greencastle in south-central Franklin County and borders on Washington County, Maryland. Harry Beeler, who lived in the Clay Hill area of Antrim Township, received a cane from Frank.²³ It was decorated with a horseshoe and inscribed with the date, August 26, 1912. The wood was reportedly from Devil’s Den at the Gettysburg Battlefield.²⁴ The gift may have been more than decorative because Harry was blind in both eyes.²⁵ It was perhaps an early birthday gift; Harry turned 38 on August 27. He used the cane until his death in 1930.²⁶ [6]

Amos E. Risser resided in Washington County in both 1910 and 1920, although on different farms, both near Hagertown.²⁷ Frank re-paid Amos for his hospitality with a cane inscribed with “Amos E. Risser, 1912” [7] and a wall rack inscribed with “A. Risser, 1914.”²⁸ [8] Amos’s great grandson recalled that the Risser family “would allow [Frank] to stay in their barn or another building, and would provide food for him. . . . He spent almost one whole winter with them.”²⁹

In 1918, Frank was in Odenton, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. His World War I Draft Registration Card, dated September of that year, stated that he was a laborer at Camp Meade for Smith, Hauser and MacIsaac. His address was given as “in care of” this company.³⁰ Frank was 41 by this time, so he probably didn’t have to worry about fighting overseas. According to a September 2017 company advertisement, it sought to hire 1,400 men, 500 of those carpenters who would be

paid 62½ cents per hour.³¹ None of Frank's carvings from this location have been found.

Frank apparently spent time in Washington County in the early 1920s. He was reportedly a resident of Boonsboro around 1922, the southern-most point in Washington County linked to Frank so far.³²

The next seven artifact clues place Frank in Frederick County. The Petersville-Knoxville area is just over the Potomac River from Harpers Ferry, fourteen miles southwest of Frederick. James E. Moore of Petersville may have received one of Frank's carvings in an unusual way. James was a brakeman for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.³³ In 1921, he lost both legs in an accident. A "hobo" reportedly found a brake club, used by brakemen as a lever, after the accident, and returned it five years later, inscribed with the date of the accident—1921.³⁴ The "hobo" was likely Frank. [9]

George H. Nusbaum, a Mount Pleasant farmer, was given a cane inscribed for "H. G. Nusbaum, dated, 1922."³⁵ [10] Although the initials were reversed on the cane, this is likely the same person.

Daniel Henry Etzler lived on a farm in Libertytown, just outside Woodsboro, from 1910 to 1940, another stop for Frank.³⁶ Frank presented Daniel with one of his more elaborate efforts: a "large holy bible rack used for open display of bible dated 1925 with acorns," and inscribed for "D. H. Etzler of near Frederick."³⁷ [11]

Benjamin Saylor lived on Main Street in Woodsboro and was a mail carrier from at least 1920 to 1930.³⁸ His father had died in 1913, and he was supporting his family when he was given one of Frank's carvings, a cane dated 1925.³⁹ He may have met Frank while delivering mail. [12]

George Etzler, a school teacher, lived down the street from Benjamin Saylor in Woodsboro.⁴⁰ He received an intricately carved cane dated 1926.⁴¹ [13]

Mail carrier Clarence Lidie lived in Thurmont, Frederick County, about nine miles northwest of Woodsboro. Clarence's oldest son, William, was a truck driver.⁴² Frank carved a cane for William, inscribed, "Billie Lidie" dated 1929.⁴³ Although the Lidies didn't live on a farm, they may have had an outbuilding to Frank's liking. [14]

Even as many artifacts place Frank in Frederick County in the 1920s, he spent quite a bit of time in Pennsylvania during that decade. Grace Viola Strike reported that Frank appeared at her home near Marion in Guilford, Franklin County, over a five-year period, beginning around 1920.⁴⁴

Graydon Clem owned a garage in Rocky Ridge, about five miles east of Thurmont, in 1930.⁴⁵ According to Graydon's son, that was about the time that Frank showed up in the area. Although there was a "hobo camp" in Thurmont, Frank preferred to stay by himself in barns. But he did stay in the Clem garage "because it was warm." As payment for lodging, Frank carved a cane for Graydon, engraved "G.F. Clem."⁴⁶ [15]

The northern-most point in Franklin County currently associated with Frank and his carvings is Rocky Spring, a rural farming community in Letterkenny Township. A comb case, inscribed with the year 1931 and letter "S", was given to John Schaeffer who owned and operated the Rocky Spring Mill.⁴⁷ John also had a farm and a barn where Frank could stay.⁴⁸ The comb case was inherited by John's daughter, Elsie, who was about 19 years old when Frank visited their farm.⁴⁹ The case, pictured opposite, is held by the Franklin County Historical Society. [16] Frank had worked at the mill earlier, staying for about three weeks in 1924, helping to spray apple trees.⁵⁰



Figure 2. Frank Feather, “Comb Case,” wood carving, 1931; cell 1, rack 4, shelf 2, artifact collection; Franklin County Historical Society, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. This typical Frank Feather work, displaying the date carved 1931 (top) and Schaeffer “S” (bottom).

Leroy S. Martin lived in the same area as the Charles Hykes and Adam Risser farms.⁵¹ Likely as payment for food and lodging at the Martin farm, Frank carved a religion themed cane for Martin: “L.S. Martin 1932, Feather.”⁵² [17]

The next three carvings are linked to Franklin County residents. Thomas Zullinger lived on the corner of South Carlisle and East

Madison in Greencastle from 1930 until 1940.⁵³ Thomas worked at a variety of trades—railroad station agent, bowling alley owner, and baseball talent scout.⁵⁴ While Zullinger scouted for the Philadelphia Athletics, he asked Frank to carve a cane for manager, Connie Mack.⁵⁵ The current location and inscription on this cane are not known. [18]

Paul Meyers, a Montgomery Township farmer, was also the proud owner of a Frank Feather cane, inscribed, “1937, In God We Trust, Truth, Faith, Charity, Hope in Christ.”⁵⁶ This is the farthest west that Frank is known to have traveled in the two-state area. [19]

Harry W. McLaughlin owned a hotel at the corner of Baltimore and North Carlisle in Greencastle, just down the street from the Gingrich family. Built in 1904, the McLaughlin Hotel included “central heat, a grand lobby, a dining room, an ice-cream parlor, a bar, and a billiards and pool parlor.”⁵⁷ It’s unlikely that Frank stayed there but he may have enjoyed the public rooms. Frank carved a “personalized theme cane” for “H.W. McLaughlin” in 1939.⁵⁸ [20]

The next artifact was a Maryland gift. Kemp Reynolds owned a farm between on Leitersburg Pike, north of Hagerstown near Smithburg.⁵⁹ Kemp’s daughter, Mary, remembered that Frank often worked on her family farm. She fondly recalled that “Frank carved a spoon for her when, missing her at her father’s home, he learned that she had married.”⁶⁰ Mary was married in 1942, so at least one of Frank’s visits to the Reynolds farm was sometime after this date. [21]

The final artifact clue to Frank’s whereabouts is found in Pennsylvania. Glen Stine was a 25 year-old pattern maker who worked at Landis Tool Company in 1940; he lived on South Washington Street, in Greencastle.⁶¹ He, too, was given a “Frank Feather cane carved in hickory with horse head, Indian head,

etc.”⁶² It is not known when Glen received his cane, but because he was a pattern maker, he and Frank would have much in common, possibly sharing handcrafting techniques. [22]

In 1950, Frank was admitted to Montevue County Home in Frederick.⁶³ He lived there until his death in 1951 from cerebral thrombosis, five weeks after onset. He was 74, and his body was given to a “University School” in Baltimore.⁶⁴

CONCLUSION

Twenty-two known artifacts were used to track Frank Feather’s migration route; documentation of additional pieces could add even more detail to his life’s story. For at least fifty years, he traveled throughout Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and Washington and Frederick Counties in Maryland. He bartered and sold his woodworking art to support himself and maintain his independence.

Frank was independent but not necessarily isolated. He maintained relationships over a period of years, and stayed in touch with families when they moved. In one instance, a man who first encountered Frank on his grandfather’s property, also welcomed him at his own place.⁶⁵ Katie (Stumbaugh) Cordell remembered Frank visiting her home when they lived in rural Frederick’s Mill in Franklin County. After they moved to the town of Marion in 1928, Frank “missed the barn”, but “he still came to our house to eat and Pop made wine he liked to taste.”⁶⁶ He regularly “loafed” at a mechanic’s garage and stopped periodically to play a social game of checkers, activities he pursued back in New York.⁶⁷ Although there is no direct evidence of Frank’s religious beliefs, he stayed with several active and prominent members of the Church of the Brethren, whose social doctrine is described today as “treating each person with the attentive, compassionate respect that all human beings deserve.”⁶⁸ He acknowledged their faith on his carvings.

He may have stayed in touch with some of his family in New York; he received mail in at least one location.⁶⁹ The unidentified informant on his 1951 death certificate offered partially accurate information on Frank Feather's parentage, suggesting that he spoke of his family near the end of his life.⁷⁰ Frank returned to New York at least once when he was ill and his mother nursed him back to health. His brother Imri came south to seek work in Philadelphia and looked Frank up on the way. He tried to talk Frank into coming to Philadelphia with him and getting a job, but he was unsuccessful.⁷¹

Today, Frank's carvings are in great demand and regularly fetch five-figure prices at auction.⁷² Their value, as documentation of Frank's movement, are priceless.

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Grace V. Strike; digital image 22 of 37, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 9 March 2018); citing NARA microfilm publication T625, roll 1572. The Strike family lived on Guilford Spring Road.

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